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Spoke over phone to Mr. Weak, director of U. of P. Press this morning. He remembered me and, after I told him I had revised my book, he said right off that the press couldn't even consider doing it now, that the last year was a disastrous one for the Press, for most other publishers too. He said there was no way they could undertake such a project now. I told him the "hot" stuff had been taken out of the book as suggested, and it was cut in half in length. He still said no. He asked me if I knew Tink, and told me that Tink had told him (he didn't say when) that his book was met with "complete indifference." He said a publisher has to consider this, for no one wants to publish on a topic that will be met with indifference. He recommended Harper and Row, and asked what publishers I had already been to. He said the shorter book should have a much better chance than the other version, and wished me "good hunting."

Ed Watkins, who was managing editor last year, is no longer there. Weak, when I spoke with him last year was very enthusiastic about the book. Now, because, he says, the last year was disastrous for U. of P. press, he wouldn't even consider it.